



# BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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**"I have not yet begun to fight!"**



## MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST PROUD TO SERVE

By JO1 (SW) Robert W. Garnand

To recognize the contributions Asian/Pacific Americans make to our nation, Congress has designated the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Asian/Pacific Americans contribute immensely to our Navy-Marine Corps team and proudly serve on ac-

tive duty and in the reserves.

Mess Management Specialist 3rd class Allan F. Alvarado, from San Narciso, Republic of the Philippines, is one such person who is proud of his job and his service in the Navy.

"I like serving other people and at the same time serving my country," Alvarado said.

Alvarado works in the Food Service Division of Supply Department on board the San Diego-based multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6).

He said he joined the Navy almost 3 years ago "to seek adventure in life and have a chance to see the world."

As for the importance of his Asian/Pacific heritage, Alvarado said, "My culture is important in my life. It is my guide to being a better Sailor and for dealing better with different people and cultures."

Alvarado said he believes the Navy "is one of the stepping stones to a successful life because of all the benefits you can acquire that can help you in the future. Benefits like maturity, dependability and responsibility."

As a Sailor who believes in using the Navy and its benefits for success, it's easy to see how Alvarado can proudly serve and contribute to our Navy-Marine Corps team.



MS3 Alvarado stirs up some dinner for the crew on board USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6).  
(Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins.)

# INDIAN SCHOOLS NEED MONEY AND QUALITY

By Pam Belluck

Even in a country used to stories about struggling public schools, many of those in Indian country stand out. Last year, the average student at the Omaha Nation Public School here scored in the 15th percentile on national standardized tests, and almost half scored below the 10th percentile.

The obstacles the Omaha Nation school wrestles with are echoed in Indian schools around the country. On average, 36 percent to 51 percent of Indian students drop out of high school, according to the American Indian College Fund, the largest dropout rate of any ethnic group. "We got the worst of everything, the lowest test scores, lowest rate of reading books, the highest dropout rate, the lowest rate of entering college," said Dean Chavers, director of the Native American Scholarship Fund.

Frustrated by years of distressing results, schools and groups like the National Indian Education Association have begun pressing states and the federal government for more

money. The money would be used for academics and crumbling buildings, programs to train Indian teachers, and support for parents whose poverty, substance abuse or unemployment leave them unmotivated or unable to help their children stay in school and achieve.

To some degree, state and federal officials are responding. President Clinton's budget request this year includes the largest increase ever for Indian education, economic and social programs, \$1.2 billion, which would put it at \$9.4 billion in 2001. The Education Department just created an Indian Teacher Corps to train 1,000 Indian teachers.

## STOCK MARKET

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 164.83 points, or 1.5 percent, to 10,769.74. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index dropped 18.24 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,447.80. The Nasdaq composite index shed 72.61 points, or 1.95 percent, to 3,644.96.

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### \*SATURDAY'S STE TV SCHEDULE\*

#### CHANNEL 2

1030 SISTER, SISTER  
1100 CROCODILE DUNDEE  
1630 NAKED GUN 2 1/2: SMELL OF FEAR  
1800 KULL THE CONQUEROR  
1930 THE KILLING FIELDS  
2200 WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP

#### CHANNEL 6

1030 BOY MEETS WORLD  
1100 THE CRUCIBLE  
1630 48 HOURS  
1800 PHENOMENON  
2030 LIGHT IT UP  
2215 DARK CITY

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

## MOUNLASY HAPPY TO SHARE CULTURE

By JO3 Laura C. Wiggins

To honor the accomplishments of Asian/Pacific Americans and to recognize their many contributions to our nation, Congress has designated the month of May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Asian/Pacific Americans have contributed immensely to our Navy-Marine Corps team both in the past and in the present, enriching our proud tradition of cultural diversity and endowing our Navy with energy and vision.

One such person who adds to the cultural diversity of the Navy is Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) 3rd class Lane Mounlasy, from Sacramento, Calif. He is of Laotian descent and currently serves on board the San Diego-based multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6).

He said he is "happy to be among those serving in the military from a different culture."

Mounlasy, who has served in the Navy more than three years, says he likes his job and the Navy because "I get job experience and I

get the opportunity to see different places around the world."

The Navy is rich with diversity and Mounlasy is among those proud to share his culture with others as he serves his country.



GSM3 Lane Mounlasy works on a Landing Craft (Air Cushion) in the well deck of USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) while anchored in the Arabian Gulf. (Photo by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins.)

## CONGRESSIONAL PANELS ENDORSE CHINA BILL

By Eric Schmitt with David E. Sanger

Committees in the House and the Senate overwhelmingly endorsed the Clinton administration's China trade bill, contributing to a growing sense among its backers that the measure is headed for passage.

The bill, which would permanently grant China normal trading privileges, also got a plug from Gov. George W. Bush, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee. President Clinton, speaking at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, warned lawmak-

ers that rejecting the China bill "invites a future of dangerous confrontation and constant insecurity."

In the House Ways and Means Committee, four previously undeclared Democrats joined an overwhelming vote, 34-4, in favor of the measure. Earlier Wednesday, the Senate Finance Committee approved the legislation, 18-1. Supporters of the China bill hailed the lopsided results as building momentum toward next week's House vote.

# THE RIGHT SPIRIT CAMPAIGN QUIZ

*Answer YES or NO to the following questions.*

1. Have you ever decided to stop drinking for a week or so, but only lasted for a couple days?
2. Do you wish people would mind their own business about your drinking, stop telling you what to do?
3. Have you ever switched from one kind of drink to another in the hope that this would keep you from getting drunk?
4. Have you had to have an eye-opener upon awakening during the past year?
5. Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?
6. Have you had problems connected with drinking during the past year?
7. Has your drinking caused trouble at home?
8. Do you ever try to get "extra" drinks at a party because you do not get enough?
9. Do you tell yourself you can stop drinking any time you want to, even though you keep getting drunk when you don't mean to?
10. Have you missed days of work because of drinking?
11. Do you have "blackouts"?
12. Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink?

Did your answer Yes to four or more questions? If so, you are probably in trouble with alcohol.

It may be time to talk to your DAPA.

## SPORTS

### BASEBALL SCORES:

NY Mets	4	Colorado	2
Los Angeles	8	Chi. Cubs	6
Montreal	10	Arizona	2
Philadelphia	5	St. Louis	4
Florida	4	San Diego	2
Pittsburgh	9	Cincinnati	6
Atlanta	5	San Francisco	4
Kansas City	4	Oakland	3
NY Yankees	9	Chi. White Sox	4
Texas	11	Tampa Bay	6
Cleveland	7	Detroit	2
Boston	8	Toronto	0

### SAMPRAS OUSTED IN HAMBURG

*By Associated Press*

Pete Sampras lost 6-4, 6-4 Wednesday in the second round of the German Open in Hamburg to Arnaud Di Pasquale, a 21-year-old Frenchman. Sampras, coming back from a thigh injury, had hoped to use the tournament as a tune-up for the French Open.

### BASKETBALL SCORES:

Miami	87	NY Knicks	81
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(Miami leads series 3-2)